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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Incorporated upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize special enterprises within the State that, through the quality of their ideas, commitment of their employees, and strong work ethic, have managed to positively impact many lives and continually work for the betterment of Tennessee over a period of many years; and

WHEREAS, Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Incorporated is one such enterprise that, through the incredible dedication of its founders and employee-owners, has enriched the lives of many people; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Bill Waggoner, Dan Barge, Jr., and Billy Sumner founded the firm which, in 1971, added Bill Cannon as a principal; and

WHEREAS, with great vision and leadership, Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Incorporated has evolved from a small and capable firm into an employee-owned corporation with hundreds of employees in offices in Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, Oak Ridge, Chattanooga, and Blountville; and

WHEREAS, the firm is repeatedly recognized by *Engineering News Record* and other technical and professional publications as one of the top design firms in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the firm has enriched our State by completing projects at all levels of government and for private enterprise in locations throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the firm has delivered professional engineering, architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and surveying services with superior quality, integrity, and honesty for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Incorporated's dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Incorporated upon the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend the organization for its many contributions and meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, its citizens, and the design community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish the employee-owners of this enterprise continued growth and well-being as they serve their many clients in locations throughout Tennessee and the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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